tank. A flame screen of noncorrodible wire mesh shall be fitted in the throat of the fill pipe.

(b) Shut-off valves shall be installed in the fuel line; one as close to each tank as practicable, and one as close to each carburetor as practicable. Arrangements shall be provided for operating all shut-off valves at the tanks from outside the compartments in which they are located, preferably from an accessible position on deck. The operating gear for the shut-off valves at the tanks shall be accessible at all times and in efficient working condition.

### § 121.133 Carburetor back-fire flame arrestor.

Carburetors of engines installed on motorboats using gasoline for fuel, except outboard motors, shall be fitted with an approved device to arrest backfire. Air intakes, where practicable, shall be so directed that back-fire cannot blow down into the bilge.

#### §121.134 Ventilation of motorboats.

(a) All motorboats which use gasoline or other liquid fuel having a flash point of less than 110° F. shall be provided with at least two ventilators fitted with cowls or their equivalent for the purpose of properly and efficiently ventilating the bilges of every engine and fuel tank compartment in order to remove any inflammable or explosive gases.

(b) Motorboats constructed so that the greater portion of the bilges under the engine and fuel tanks are open and exposed to the natural atmosphere at all times are not required to be fitted with ventilators.

# Subpart C—Registration and Numbering

### §121.171 Registration and numbering of motorboats.

All motorboats shall be registered, certificated, and assigned numbers by the Marine Safety Unit.

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#### §121.172 Numbers to be displayed on motorboats.

Every motorboat shall have its assigned number painted or attached on each bow. The numbers shall be in block character of not less than 3 inches in height, and located as high above the water line as practicable, but in no case shall there be less than 3 inches of space from the bottom of the numbers to the water.

#### §121.173 Registration and numbering of vessels under 20 meters (65') in length not propelled by machinery.

Vessels not more than 20 meters (65') in length and not propelled in whole or in part by machinery shall be registered and numbered by the Marine Safety Unit.

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# § 121.174 Numbers to be displayed on vessels under 65 feet other than motorboats.

Every vessel not more than 65 feet in length and not propelled in whole or in part by machinery shall have its assigned number painted or attached on each bow. The numbers shall be in block character of not less than 3 inches in height, and located as high above the water line as practicable, but in no case shall there be less than 3 inches of space from the bottom of the numbers to the water.

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